

Suspect Bandits in Silk Truck Murder As Slayers of Pair

Desperate Highwaymen Believed to Have Held Up
Kupfer's Automobile

Descriptions Tally

New Jersey Police Also Working
on Theory That Soldiers
May Be Responsible

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Aug. 24.—Although the authorities made no visible progress to-day in discovering the murderers of Arthur Kupfer and Edith Janney, the theory appears to be pretty generally accepted that the two were shot by the daylight bandits who killed a motor truck driver, beat his helper unconscious and drove off with the truck and its \$40,000 worth of silk.

Both crimes were unusually reckless. After the bold daylight hold-up and murder the two highwaymen drove the motor truck and its \$40,000 load a few miles to Aids, and there abandoned both. Frank Mayer, the motor truck driver's helper, said that his assailants looked like drug addicts.

Only drug-crazed minds, the detectives working on the case believe, would conceive and carry out a murder project in the very center of a town and throw one victim into a clergyman's dogyard, when a whole night-bound countryside lay open for a reasonably safe murder.

May Have Held Up Kupfer
The theory is that having abandoned the truck and peNaps fortified themselves with more drugs, the highwaymen made their way through the woods to the vicinity of the Lincoln Highway, resolved to hold up and commandeer the first automobile that came along. Arthur Kupfer's car, it is believed, chanced to be the victim.

It is thought that with a revolver muzzle in his back he was ordered to drive to Rahway, and, in fact, no other motive for his presence there has yet appeared. The police theory is that either the knowledge that he was in the center of a populous community gave Kupfer courage to rebel or else that the highwaymen feared that it might and shot him and Miss Janney to prevent betrayal.

This theory would account also for the third bullet found in the folding car seat, as the highwaymen might have fired once as a warning or to warn Kupfer.

Some substantiation is lent to this hypothesis by the description of the highwaymen which Frank Mayer gave to-day to Police Chief Burke of this place. Mayer said that one of the men wore light clothes and a straw hat and the other dark clothes and a cap. With the exception of the cap this description fits the clothing of the men who Dr. Moore saw throw Kupfer's body into the gutter.

Soldiers Suspected
Another theory, not yet entirely abandoned, is that the murder was committed by stray soldiers from one of the several camps in this vicinity. Walter Hatfield, prosecutor of Union County, learned to-day that two soldiers who appeared to be well supplied with money had called at 8 o'clock Thursday morning at a garage in Elizabeth and sought to hire a car to take them to North Carolina.

It was at 2:07 Thursday morning that the murder was committed in Rahway, and the murderers drove away in the direction of Elizabeth. Isaac Saxe, who had been Kupfer's companion on Wednesday night until 0:30, told John A. Callahan, Perth Amboy's chief of detectives, to-day that a few days before his death Kupfer had sold stock worth about \$2,000 and might possibly have had some such sum on his person. Three .38-calibre bullets killed Kupfer and Miss Janney, and revolvers of that bore are still issued in the army.

Inquiries are being made at the various camps hereabouts to check up on the movements of all soldiers on leave at 2:07 Thursday morning.

U. S. to Ship 18,000 'Planes Before July

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Planes were delivered by next July it would be "almost a miracle." General Kenly and other officers—in fact, all of the witnesses—apparently gave their statements with what Senator Reed characterized at one stage as "brutal frankness," all being examined secretly, and apparently without considering the possibility of the publicity now given.

Personal criticisms were voiced with freedom. An example is found in General Kenly's examination concerning General Pershing's calls for airplanes. In response to questions, General Kenly spoke of what he would do if he were in charge at home and abroad, and added:

"If you looked over the cables you would find a cable from overseas asking for one thing one day and the next day countermands the order, and then the next day asks for it again and a week later countermands it."

No "Real" Friction
There is no real friction between the army and navy, General Kenly told the committee, except "a very strong feeling that the navy sometimes is getting more than its share."

General Kenly and other officers condemned reports that General Pershing stopped the manufacture of Spad machines last year and recently had criticized several of the De Havilland models forwarded.

In outlining next year's programme laid in by General Pershing, witnesses said that General Pershing was advised that in trying to get 13,000 or 20,000 machines delivered by next July the authorities are "aiming rather high." A squadron in the aviation service, it was explained, normally consists of eighteen fliers, but usually has twenty-one.

During Secretary Baker's examination he was sharply questioned regarding airplane photographs distributed by the Committee on Public Information with what the Secretary conceded were "exaggerated" captions. During the testimony regarding con-

idential—some giving new military secrets and inventions—was deleted before the testimony was given to the public. Other testimony the report indicates, was of such a confidential nature that it was not noted by the stenographer, who, at times even was excluded from the committee hearings. Between the leaves of the two large printed volumes of testimony made public are contained innumerable tables showing expenditure of aircraft appropriations in detail, records of progress of the programme, data regarding training fields and, besides, masses of correspondence between government officials, manufacturers and others.

Urges One-Man Control

In principle Chairman Ryan approved centralization in one man of all authority over aviation affairs, while General Kenly specifically recommended a department of aviation, headed by a Cabinet officer, the principal proposal of the Military subcommittee. Both detailed lists of what they termed millions of dollars in the early stages of aircraft production and improvements being worked out in the organization. Lack of proper organization and executive direction, General Kenly said, was responsible for early delays and failures.

That the original aircraft programme called for 23,000 airplanes last July was disclosed by General Kenly. The De Havilland Four machine was conceded by General Kenly not to be satisfactory, but he said it is being perfected, with every prospect of success. De Havilland Nine, he also stated, soon are to be built in quantity.

Ford for Liberty Motor

Henry Ford testified that the Liberty motor "is the best article that has been gotten up along that line" and stated that his factories expected to turn out 100 motors daily besides one "Eagle" or dwarf submarine chaser. Too many engineers, jealous of Ford's personal glory, Mr. Ford said, were responsible for some aircraft difficulties. He advocated a single "boss" for aviation affairs.

How aviators have been provided camps and fields and trained far ahead of the production programme was detailed by Colonel C. G. Edgar, construction head of the Signal Corps. Urging more training fields, Colonel Edgar said virtually all now are "seriously" overcrowded. Camp Kelly No. 2, at San Antonio, Tex., he said, is housing 4,700 men in a camp built for 2,100.

Regarding detachment from duty of Colonel Deeds, of the Signal Corps, who was criticised in the committee's report, and Colonel Montgomery, another former military member of the board, Chairman Ryan said their connection with the Aircraft Board and aviation generally had been severed.

"Fooled Away," Says Ryan

When he took charge of aircraft production, Mr. Ryan said, so far as he knew, none of the men then in charge of affairs were experienced. Loss of time and lives in early production stages, Mr. Ryan declared, are more important than loss of the millions of dollars involved. America has not yet built a single fighting airplane, he said, because the time has been "fooled away" in experimenting with a fighting machine to fit the Liberty twelve-cylinder motor.

Regarding the De Havilland machine, Mr. Ryan said that with changes ordered by General Pershing and agreed upon by engineers it is expected to be "serviceable, useful and of military value," and quantity production of the De Havilland 9s should be reached next September or October without stopping production of the 4s. As to the Liberty motor Mr. Ryan said:

"There is no motor on either side that compares with it."

Supplies of spruce lumber for airplanes for this country and the Allies will be ample, Mr. Ryan said, reference to his recent inspection trip on the Pacific Coast, although for a time, he stated, "the whole country was literally held by the throat by the I. W. W."

Torpedoed Ship Reaches Port
WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Word reached the Navy Department to-day that the American steamer Westbridge, torpedoed in foreign waters August 16, did not sink and had managed to reach port.

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Long Island Coal Dealers Charge Unfair Treatment

Address Protest to State
Fuel Administrator, Al-
leging Unjust Dis-
crimination

MINEOLA, Long Island, Aug. 24.—

Charges and counter charges against those responsible for the distribution of coal on Long Island were made to-day at a meeting of the Long Island Coal Dealers' Association in the courthouse here. It is asserted that Nassau County is getting shabby treatment, and a resolution protesting against the "unfair and unjust practices which apparently are receiving the support of the Fuel Administrator of Nassau County" was adopted. The resolution calls upon Fuel Administrator D. W. Cook of New York State to make an investigation of conditions and take steps to grant relief.

It is asserted that the Long Island Coal Company has been granted an unfair advantage, and that other dealers are being driven out of business through their inability to get coal, while the Long Island Coal Company gets all and more than its share.

William N. Eane, of William S. Eane & Sons, of Oyster Bay, made the statement that 200 cars of anthracite coal had been delivered to the Long Island Coal Company at Oyster Bay in April, while his own firm had been unable to get a pound.

"It looks as if the Fuel Administrator," said Mr. Eane, "was actually soliciting business for the Long Island Coal Company. People have to buy from this company, and dealers also, for there is no other source, with the result that we have been almost frozen out of business."

Socialists Want City To Run Transit Lines

Aldermen to Introduce Ordinance for Municipal Ownership and Operation

Algermon Lee, Socialist alderman, said yesterday that he and his associates probably would introduce an ordinance next week to provide for municipal ownership and operation of New York's transit system.

"In view of the declaration of Manager Frank Hedley of the Interborough," he said, "that conditions on the transit systems could not be remedied without an increase in the fares, we must either increase the fares or reduce the profits. The whole matter lies with the public. Messrs. Hedley and Shonts naturally do not believe in a reduction of profits."

"If the city would run the transit lines itself and abolish profits we would find that the employees could get higher wages without increasing the fares and men would be attracted to the transit work instead of there being a scarcity of labor. Instead of paying \$100,000 to the transit managers per year the city could pay a salary of \$25,000 to the transit managers."

Search for Missing Man

John Mueller Has Not Been Seen Since Monday

Mrs. John Mueller, of 885 Cauldwell Avenue, and the police are still looking for Mrs. Mueller's husband, who left home last Monday morning and has not been seen since.

Mr. Mueller, who was city sales manager for Butler Brothers, had recently been ill and moody, and had been home during last week's hot weather. On Monday morning he said he felt better and set out for his office. When he did not return in the evening his wife called up his place of business, only to find that Mueller had not been there that day. He is fifty-four years old.

Flanagan-Marzo

Miss Josephine Marzo, daughter of Chevalier and Mrs. Eduardo Marzo, was married to William K. Flanagan, of this city, yesterday morning in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. The Rev. Francis Powers officiated. Miss Rita Elise Marzo, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor and only attendant. She wore a costume of lavender organdie over pink satin. Edwin Flanagan served as his brother's best man.

The ceremony was followed by a small wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's parents, 139 West Eighty-seventh Street. Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan will live in Newark, N. J.

Abraham & Straus Workers To See "America's Answer"

Abraham & Straus have engaged every seat in the Academy of Music, in Brooklyn, for to-morrow night and will send 2,000 employees of their department store, in Fulton Street, Brooklyn, to see the official United States war picture "America's Answer." Although several hundred employees are

on vacation the seating capacity of the Academy of Music is insufficient for all who remain.

A member of the firm said it was its desire to have the employees see how the quarters and dollars they spent for War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds were invested.

Held as "Gold Brick" Man

Voorhees Smith, of 40 Ludlow Street, held in the Raymond Street Jail, Brooklyn, accused of swindling, has been identified by Harry Epstein, of 2052 Bath Avenue, Brooklyn, as the "gentleman from the Gold Coast" who dropped in on Epstein on August 20 with three or four pounds of "gold" which he had picked up on the coast just before he sailed.

Mr. Epstein didn't have cash enough on hand to buy it all, but he invested \$250 and his wife's ring and earrings, which the Gold Coast beach-comber courteously accepted at Epstein's valuation of \$350.

Later, Epstein discovered that the stranger was off on his geography; that apparently he hailed from the Brass Coast.

Germany Protests Spanish Seizure Of Interned Ships

Says Such Action Might
Result in Severance of
Relations

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 24.—Germany has energetically protested against the intention of Spain to replace sunken Spanish tonnage by interned German ships, according to an official statement issued in Berlin.

PARIS, Aug. 24.—Negotiations between Berlin and Madrid over Spain's decision to replace sunken Spanish

ships with interned German vessels have failed, according to the "Petit Parisien."

Imperial Chancellor von Hertling does not desire to furnish any guarantees against submarine warfare, it is said, and the Maura ministry of Spain is maintaining its position. It is said that at a meeting of the ministers at San Sebastian last night complementary decisions were reached in the controversy with Germany.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Germany's reply to Spain's announcement as to submarine warfare, which is reported to have been sent, says that such a procedure on the part of Spain as was indicated in the instructions to the Spanish Ambassador at Berlin might possibly result in the severance of relations between the countries, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The note declares, however, that Germany

is ready to consider limiting the operations of submarines outside of the danger zone.

It is said that Germany has informed Spain that she cannot render any guarantee in this respect and cannot treat Spain in an exceptional way. Germany, the note says, cannot give up the submarine warfare and hopes that Spain, which has expressed a desire to maintain her neutrality, will really remain neutral.

German Cigar Factories To Be Forced to Close Jan. 1

LONDON, Aug. 24.—German tobacco manufacturers have decided to close their cigar factories on January 1, 1919, because of the lack of raw materials. Six thousand workmen will be closed and 220,000 workers will be thrown out of employment, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.



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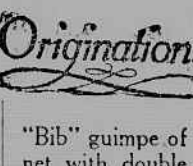
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with a dainty
treatment of
Valenciennes
lace fluting and
pin tucks. A
strip of a tie in
black moire and
lingerie buttons
give the needed
finish. 6.50

Square line bib
collar of Georgette
crepe with
close all-over
vertical tucks.
Front fastens
with dainty pearl
buttons, picot
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and Valenciennes
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